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 HW1

## Question 1

1. Show that  $E[\mathbf{w}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $E[(\mathbf{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .

Given  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{S}\mathbf{u}$  Take expectations

$$E[\mathbf{w}] = E[\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{S}\mathbf{u}] = E[\mathbf{M}] + S E[\mathbf{u}]$$

$\mathbf{M}$  is vector so  $E[\mathbf{M}] = \mathbf{M}$        $S$  is matrix so take out

and we know  $\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

$$\therefore E[\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{0}$$

Giving  $E[\mathbf{w}] = \mathbf{M}$

For cov,  $E[(w-\mu)(w-\mu)^T] = \Sigma$

$$w = \mu + S_u, \quad w - \mu = S_u$$

Form outer product

$$(w - \mu)(w - \mu)^T = (S_u)(S_u)^T = S(u u^T)S^T$$

Take expectation

$$E[(w - \mu)(w - \mu)^T] = E[S(u u^T)S^T] = S E[u u^T] S^T$$

$$\text{w/ } u \sim N(0, I), \quad E[u u^T] = I$$

Thus,

$$= S E[u u^T] S^T = S I S^T = S S^T$$

$$\therefore E[(w - \mu)(w - \mu)^T] = S S^T = \Sigma$$

2. Generate *iid* multivariate normal random fields on one-dimensional discrete locations, and estimate the sample mean and covariance from simulated random fields with sample size of 100, 1000, and 10000. Use the covariance matrix  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100}$  whose elements are filled with a parametric function  $C_d = \sigma^2 \exp(-d/\rho)$  that depends on the pair-wise distance between locations  $d$  and parameters  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$ . You may choose the values of  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  as well as  $\mu$  for your exercise. Repeat the same exercise with a different covariance kernel function, for example,  $C_{d^2} = \sigma^2 \exp(-(d/\rho)^2)$ .

We can simulate both kernels in Python with:

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# Locations - r_i = 0, 0.01, ..., 0.99
n_locations = 100
locations = np.linspace(0.0, 0.99, n_locations)

# Parameters
sigma2 = 1.0    # variance
rho = 0.1        # length-scale parameter
mu = np.zeros(n_locations) # Zero means

# Pairwise distance matrix
D = np.abs(locations[:, None] - locations[None, :])

# Covariance kernels
def cov_exp(D, sigma2=1.0, rho=0.1):
    return sigma2 * np.exp(-D / rho)

def cov_exp_squared(D, sigma2=1.0, rho=0.1):
    return sigma2 * np.exp(- (D / rho)**2)
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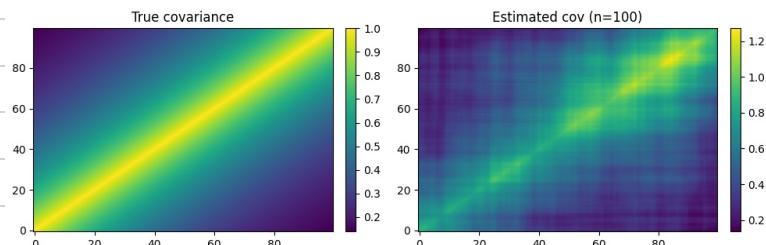
for 100 true samples and  $\sigma=1$ ,  $\rho=0.5$

3. Compare the sample covariances estimated from simulated random fields to its theoretical (true) covariance by visualizing the covariance surfaces at a given location. Discuss the sample mean and covariance uncertainty in terms of the multivariate central limit theorem.

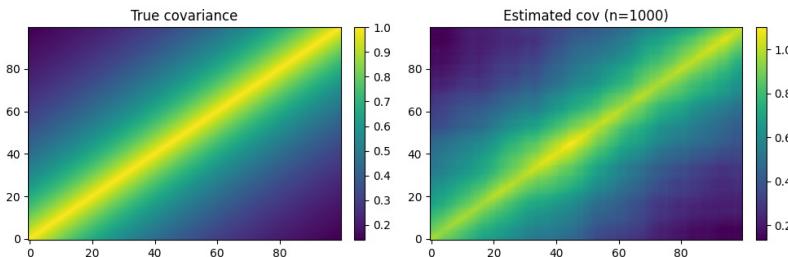
By simulating samples randomly from true distro we can compare accuracy w/ diff sample sizes

$$C_d = \sigma^2 \exp(-d/\rho)$$

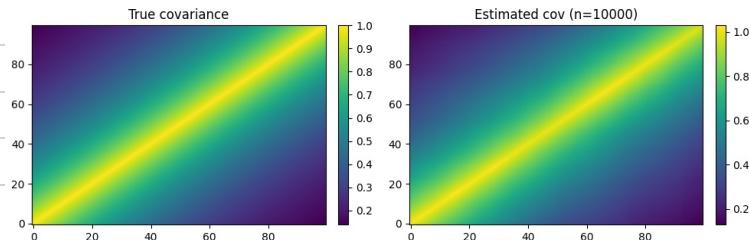
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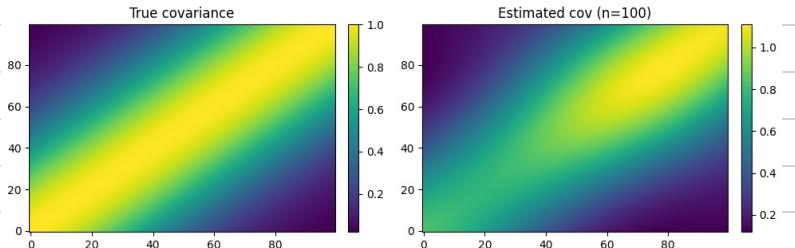
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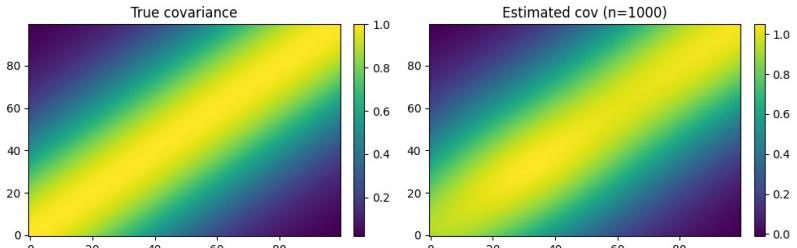
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$n=100$ :



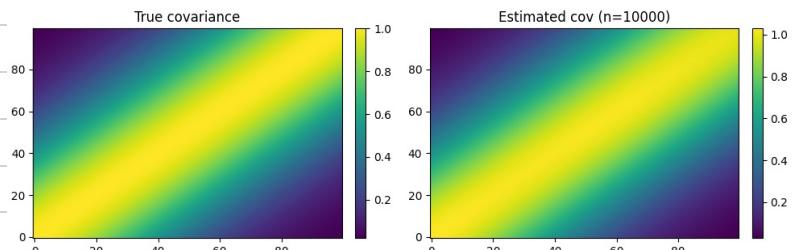
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$n=1000$ :



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$n=10000$ :



We converge to true kernel as  $n \uparrow$

Significant improvement from  $n=100$

Considering the mean and covariance from the samples,  
we have:

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== Kernel: Exponential (sigma^2 exp(-d/rho)) ==
n = 100: mean (first 5) = [-0.03551742 -0.04195332 -0.03052949 -0.0283869 -0.01226099]
n = 100: top-left 3x3 of sample covariance:
[[0.87748114 0.85420497 0.82913464]
 [0.85420497 0.86530333 0.84670443]
 [0.82913464 0.84670443 0.86873751]]
n = 1000: mean (first 5) = [-0.02083845 -0.00943948 -0.00419456 -0.01528724 -0.02400125]
n = 1000: top-left 3x3 of sample covariance:
[[0.98250314 0.95413993 0.93950684]
 [0.95413993 0.96700045 0.95277681]
 [0.93950684 0.95277681 0.97545487]]
n = 10000: mean (first 5) = [-0.00602848 -0.00662519 -0.0085514 -0.00979402 -0.01206537]
n = 10000: top-left 3x3 of sample covariance:
[[1.01868161 0.99962649 0.98103756]
 [0.99962649 1.0206163 1.00100678]
 [0.98103756 1.00100678 1.02037907]]
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Where mean was taken along the row axis and printed  
for first 5 columns.

As you can see, following central limit theorem,  
as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , from 100 to 10,000 our mean per col  
converges to  $\approx 0$ , from 0.0X to 0.000X,  
factors smaller. This aligns w/ central limit theorem.

## Problem 2]

- Estimate the posterior distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a 2-dimensional Gaussian random vector, with the prior mean and covariance given as

$$\mathbf{x}^b = [2.3, 2.5]^T \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.225 & 0.05 \\ 0.05 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Only  $x_1$  is observed, and the observed value is 3. Its error is normally distributed with a variance of 0.15.

$$[x|y] \times [y|x][x]$$

w/  $(x) \sim N(x^B, B)$  and  $(y|x) \sim [3, 0.15]$

Can use KF update (bayesian method)

with  $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , only observe  $x_1$ , as  $y=x$ , observation

$$\text{Then, can code: } K = P^{-1} H (R + H P^{-1} H^T)^{-1}$$

$$x^+ = x^- + k(y - Hx^-)$$

$$P^+ = (I - KH) P^-$$

In Python, we get

```
# Prior mean and covariance
x_prior = np.array([2.3, 2.5])
P_prior = np.array([[0.225, 0.05], [0.05, 0.15]])

# Measurement
y = 3.0
R = np.array([[0.15]])

# Observation mat - only observe x1
H = np.array([[1.0, 0.0]])

# Innovation z
z = y - H @ x_prior

# Kalman gain
K = P_prior @ H.T @ np.linalg.inv(H @ P_prior @ H.T + R)

# Posterior mean
x_posterior = x_prior + (K @ z).flatten()

# Posterior covariance
P_posterior = (np.eye(2) - K @ H) @ P_prior
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Given

$$x^b = [2.3; 2.5] \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0.225, 0.05 \\ 0.05 & 0.15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } y=3 \text{ w/ } R=0.15 \text{ and } H=\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get an updated posterior

Computed:

$$x^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 2.72 \\ 2.593 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0.09 & 0.02 \\ 0.02 & 0.143 \end{pmatrix}$$

2.) In comparison, if we use  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.225 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}$

We get:

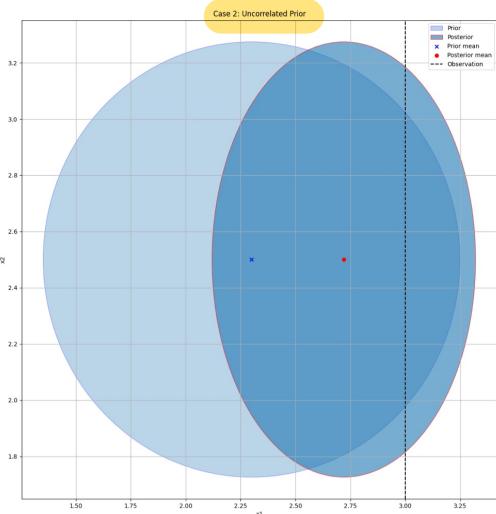
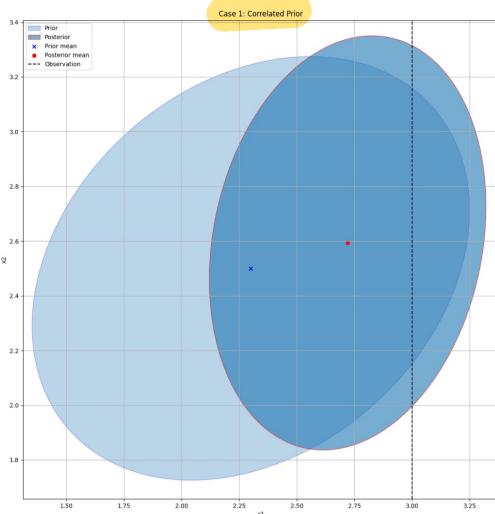
Uncorrelated:

$$x^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 2.72 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0.09 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}$$

The core difference is that w/o cross correlation, the observation in  $x_1$ , does not update the  $x_2$  term at all.

As before, we had cross correlation which causes impact to  $x_2$  w/ the  $x_1$  update.

Graphically we can compare the KF updates b/w correlated and uncorrelated



Very visible to see the linear shift when uncorrelated vs the interesting correlated shift that adjusts shape and orientation due to the update.